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Dear Harold,

I am sending you a tape of our interview that we did on May 15, 1997. It was a very interesting session and was well worth the distance traveled. I shot over two hours of footage and edited it down to slightly under two hours. I assume the tape will eventually become part of the record that you are leaving at Hood College so I deleted certain short sections. These deletions include brief pauses such as the time when you were eating, times when you were getting documents and when your phone rang.

Because you preferred I not use video lights, the lighting conditions were challenging. After a short time I adjusted the camera and obtained very good results using the available natural lighting. I am not intending to charge you for the tape. If you insist on some form of compensation, I would be willing to think of it as a trade. Because of my late arrival and the length of the interview, there was no time to select documents to copy from your files. A small assortment of documents from your collection would be greatly appreciated if you would like to trade this for the tape. If not, please send me a bill for any Xerox costs.

The documents that I am interested in relate to spying on, smearing of and disruption of early critics of the Warren Commission. I would assume you have some of this material from both FBI and CIA that relates to you. Some of the others that I am interested in are Buchanan, Sauvage, Penn Jones, Epstein, Lane and Meagher. I also am interested in information on "anti-critics" such as Schiller, Cohen, Aynesworth, Specter, Belin and others who strongly defended the lone assassin theory. If you have a basic batch of documents that reveal some of the more shocking examples of indication of conspiracy and cover-up, I would be very interested in these selections.

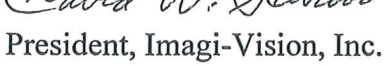
When I visited, I also neglected to obtain the disc of the extended version of *Case Open*. If you can send this to me I will copy it and return it

to you quickly. I will respect your wishes to not publish it on the Internet. As I understand it, it is in rough draft form and you are not up to dealing with whatever controversy that might arise from it's publication. I think the raw information that is there still may be useful in my study of *Case Closed* and of Gerald Posner.

I made a trip to the archives and managed to check on something that we both were interested in from recent file releases relating to you. I took a look at the copy *of Oswald in New Orleans* that was there in the HSCA files. It turns out that it actually was a Xerox of the paperback (and the RIF sheet incorrectly described it as a "manuscript" copy). In the time I was there, I was not able to get around to looking at the copy of *Whitewash* that is in the files but that is something I would like to look for in a future trip to the archives. If it is an annotated copy by the FBI, I will copy the pages that have writing on them and send them to you.

I was happy that I did find the document that shows the FBI smearing you in a less redacted form than the copy you had. I will continue to look for similar items and will pass them along to you if they look interesting. I thank you for your time and trouble and look forward to hearing from you soon. Perhaps, in the future, I will again have the privilege of visiting with you in person. I really enjoyed seeing you and wish you the best.

Respectfully yours,
David W. Starks



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